

## **IC 12-21-6.5**

### **Chapter 6.5. Commission on Mental Health**

#### **IC 12-21-6.5-1**

##### **"Commission" defined**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the Indiana commission on mental health established by section 2 of this chapter.  
*As added by P.L.12-2006, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 12-21-6.5-2**

##### **Indiana commission on mental health established**

Sec. 2. The Indiana commission on mental health is established.  
*As added by P.L.12-2006, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 12-21-6.5-3**

##### **Commission members**

Sec. 3. The commission consists of seventeen (17) members determined as follows:

(1) The speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate shall each appoint two (2) legislative members, who may not be from the same political party, to serve on the commission.

(2) The governor shall appoint thirteen (13) lay members, not more than seven (7) of whom may be from the same political party, to serve on the commission for a term of four (4) years as follows:

(A) Four (4) at-large members, not more than two (2) of whom may be from the same political party.

(B) Two (2) consumers of mental health services.

(C) Two (2) representatives of different advocacy groups for consumers of mental health services.

(D) Two (2) members of families of consumers of mental health services.

(E) Three (3) members who represent mental health providers. One (1) of the members appointed under this clause must be a representative of a for-profit psychiatric provider. One (1) of the members appointed under this clause must be a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5.

(3) The governor shall ensure that the members appointed under subdivision (2) represent all geographic areas of Indiana.

*As added by P.L.12-2006, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 12-21-6.5-4**

##### **Financial interest in subject matter prohibited**

Sec. 4. Except for the members appointed under section 3(2)(E) of this chapter, the members of the commission may not have a financial interest in the subject matter to be studied by the commission.

*As added by P.L.12-2006, SEC.2.*

**IC 12-21-6.5-5****Chairperson designation**

Sec. 5. The chairman of the legislative council shall designate a legislative member of the commission to serve as chairperson of the commission.

*As added by P.L.12-2006, SEC.2.*

**IC 12-21-6.5-6****Operating under legislative council study committee policies**

Sec. 6. The commission shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council.

*As added by P.L.12-2006, SEC.2.*

**IC 12-21-6.5-7****Majority of votes required to take action**

Sec. 7. The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to the commission are required for the commission to take action on any measure, including final reports.

*As added by P.L.12-2006, SEC.2.*

**IC 12-21-6.5-8****Duties**

Sec. 8. The commission shall do the following:

- (1) Study and evaluate the funding system for mental health services in Indiana.
- (2) Review and make specific recommendations regarding the provision of mental health services delivered by community providers and state operated hospitals. The review and recommendations must cover services to all age groups including children, youth, and adults.
- (3) Review and make recommendations regarding any unmet need for public supported mental health services:
  - (A) in any specific geographic area; or
  - (B) throughout Indiana.

In formulating recommendations, the commission shall consider the need, feasibility, and desirability of including additional organizations in the network of providers of mental health services.

- (4) Monitor the implementation of managed care for the mentally ill that is paid for in part or in whole by the state.
- (5) Make recommendations regarding the commission's findings to the appropriate division or department of state government.

*As added by P.L.12-2006, SEC.2.*

**IC 12-21-6.5-9****Expiration of chapter June 30, 2011**

Sec. 9. This chapter expires June 30, 2011.

*As added by P.L.12-2006, SEC.2.*